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AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

I would like to request a telephone interview on Tuesday October 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. EST. Please consider the following topics for discussion:

1) The 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph rejection of claims 1-6 and 21-34

With regard to "associating a transaction account with a set of communication devices" recited in claim 1, please see page 9, lines 1-4 of the as filed specification for support.

With regard to "associating a home address with a given identification number" recited in claim 1, please see page 12, lines 19-21 as well as page 13, lines 1-2 of the as-filed specification for support.

With regard to "associating a home address with a given identification number" recited in claim 1, please see page 12, lines 19-21 as well as page 13, lines 1-2 of the as-filed specification for support.

With regard to "comparing of the location . . . is performed by an account service provider" recited in claim 2, please see page 16, lines 20-23; page 17, lines 1-5; as well as Figure 3 reference numerals 308, 310, and 312 of the as-filed specification for support.

2) The 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-6 and 21-34.

Please see proposed amendment to claim 1 listed below. Support for these proposed amendments can be found at least in page 12, lines 19-23 as well as page 13, lines 1-4 of the as-filed specification.

The above cited portions of the specification are for the purpose of illustrating examples for these features and not meant to limit the invention to the specific examples present. Also, support for these features can be found in other portions of the specification as filed.

Proposed Amendment to Claim 1

A computer implemented method for authorizing transactions against an account ~~for a transaction occurring over an internet site~~, the computer implemented method comprising:

associating a transaction account with a set of communication devices;

storing the set of communication devices with a set of corresponding identification numbers in a database for the transaction account, wherein each communication device from the stored set of communication devices is adapted to transmit a physical location of the each communication device;

associating a home address with a given identification number for a single communication device, wherein the home address corresponds to the home address of a user on the transaction account, and wherein the single communication device is one of the stored set of communication devices;

receiving a transaction request for ~~[[the]] a transaction occurring on the internet site~~, wherein the transaction request comprises an account number associated with the transaction account and a merchant associated with the transaction;

obtaining a location of the ~~single communication device~~ merchant to form a purchase location of the transaction;

responsive to receiving a unique character string from the user, changing the purchase location of the transaction to the home address;

comparing ~~[[the]] a location of the single communication device with the purchase location of the home address~~ transaction; and

responsive to detecting a match between the location of the single communication device with the purchase location of the ~~home address~~ transaction, authorizing the transaction-~~occurring~~ over the internet site.

The Examiner is invited to call at the below-listed telephone number to confirm or reschedule the requested telephone interview.

DATE: September 29, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/046,997 First Named Applicant: Brown et al.
 Examiner: Kenneth Bartley Art Unit: 3693 Status of Application: Office Action

Tentative Participants:

(1) Jacob L. LaCombe (2) Kenneth Bartley
 (3) (4)

Proposed Date of Interview: Tuesday 10/6/09 Proposed Time: 4:00 p.m. ET (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Please see agenda. .

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Examiner/SPE Signature

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